

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

[illegible]

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered.

Include copy of copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04, 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).

³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST-3).

⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible.

⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Applicants are to place a class, union or copyright notice in the work. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.37 and 1.38. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is in the file (and by the USPTO to determine the priority of the invention). Confidentiality is provided by 35 USC 1.102, 1.122, 37 CFR 1.37 and 1.38. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application for into the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

[illegible]

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered.

Include copy of copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).

³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST-3).

⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible.

⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. Information is required to obtain or receive a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to publish) an application for a patent. Confidentiality is guaranteed under 37 CFR 1.97(c) and 1.98(c). The collection of information is required to be completed within 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.